Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A method for enhancing graft survival following transplant, comprising administering to an animal previous to, concurrently with, or subsequent to a transplant procedure an effective amount of an histone deacetylase inhibitor compound of formula I-according to claim 16.

HO N
$$R_1$$
 R_2 R_3 R_4 R_5 R_5 R_5

wherein

R₁ is H, halo, or a straight chain C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R₂ is selected from H, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_4 – C_9 cycloalkyl, C_4 – C_9 heterocycloalkyl, C_4 – C_9 heterocycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, -(CH₂)_nC(O)R₆, -(CH₂)_nOC(O)R₆, amino acyl, HON-C(O)-CH=C(R₁)-aryl-alkyl- and - (CH₂)_nR₇;

R₃ and R₄ are the same or different and independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, acyl or acylamino, or R₃ and R₄ together with the carbon to which they are bound represent C=O, C=S, or C=NR₈, or R₂ together with the nitrogen to which it is bound and R₃ together with the carbon to which it is bound can form a C₄ – C₉ heterocycloalkyl, a heteroaryl, a polyheteroaryl, a non-aromatic polyheterocycle, or a mixed aryl and non-aryl polyheterocycle ring;

R₅ is selected from H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₄ – C₉ cycloalkyl, C₄ – C₉ heterocycloalkyl, acyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, aromatic polycycle, non-aromatic polycycle, mixed aryl and non-aryl polycycle, polyheteroaryl, non-aromatic polyheterocycle, and mixed aryl and non-aryl polyheterocycle;

 n_1 , n_2 and n_3 are the same or different and independently selected from 0 - 6, when n_1 is 1-6, each carbon atom can be optionally and independently substituted with R_3 and/or R_4 ;

- X and Y are the same or different and independently selected from H, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, NO_2 , $C(O)R_1$, OR_9 , SR_9 , CN, and $NR_{10}R_{11}$;
- R_6 is selected from H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_4 C_9 cycloalkyl, C_4 C_9 heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, OR_{12} , and OR_{13} R₁₄;
- R_7 is selected from OR_{15} , SR_{15} , $S(O)R_{16}$, SO_2R_{17} , $NR_{13}R_{14}$, and $NR_{12}SO_2R_{6}$;
- R₈ is selected from H, OR₁₅, NR₁₃R₁₄, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₄ C₉ cycloalkyl, C₄ C₉ heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, and heteroarylalkyl;
- R_9 is selected from $C_1 C_4$ alkyl and C(O)-alkyl;
- R_{10} and R_{11} are the same or different and independently selected from H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and -C(O)-alkyl;
- R₁₂ is selected from H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₄ C₉ cycloalkyl, C₄ C₉ heterocycloalkyl, C₄ C₉ heterocycloalkyl, aryl, mixed aryl and non-aryl polycycle, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, and heteroarylalkyl;
- R_{13} and R_{14} are the same or different and independently selected from H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_4 C_9 cycloalkyl, C_4 C_9 heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, amino acyl, or R_{13} and R_{14} together with the nitrogen to which they are bound are C_4 C_9 heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, polyheteroaryl, non-aromatic polyheterocycle or mixed aryl and non-aryl polyheterocycle;
- R_{15} is selected from H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_4 C_9 cycloalkyl, C_4 C_9 heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and $(CH_2)_m ZR_{12}$;
- R_{16} is selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_4 C_9 cycloalkyl, C_4 C_9 heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, polyheteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and $(CH_2)_m ZR_{12}$;
- R₁₇ is selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₄ C₉ cycloalkyl, C₄ C₉ heterocycloalkyl, aryl, aromatic polycycle, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, polyheteroaryl and NR₁₃R₁₄; m is an integer selected from 0 to 6; and
- Z is selected from O, NR_{13} , S and S(O);

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 21-28 (canceled)